Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Appendix I, it is said that the date is not known. I wanted to know when the *chira* gave way. The *chira* was not put up in the proper place, and so it gave way very early. That is why I asked the date.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The *chira* did not give way in 1104. It bursts only after the monsoon. The water in the river rises and the *chiras* burst. I cannot say on what particular date.

President.—So the *chira* remained intact till the monsoon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there not complaints that the *chira* gave way?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not in 1104. Probably in 1102.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why did not the Panchayat undertake the work? May I know the reasons?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The President told me at the last moment that it was not possible to carry out the work. The reason they stated was that the amount was not sufficient.

Maharaja's College.

308. **Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—Will the Government please state:—

(a) the total number of students in the College Department of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(b) how many of them are Cochin State subjects;

(c) how many of them are permanent residents of Ernakulam;

(d) how many of them are residents of Mattancheri, Palluruthi, Kumbalangi, Edaccochi, Venduruthi, Perumanur, Thevara, Vyttila, Trippunittura, Palarivattom, Kalur, Vaduthala, Mulavukad, Vallarpadom, Ochanturuttu, Azhikkal, and other villages, within a radius of 7 miles of Ernakulam;

(e) is there actual want of room in the College buildings; if so, for what all purposes and how many square feet of extra space, approximately, will satisfy the entire requirements;

(f) what is the area, in square feet, of the ground floor and first floor of the building that is now used for the High School Department;

(g) what was the cost of this latter building;

(h) has the Government tried to ascertain if they could easily get another site to put up another building for the High School Department;

(i) has the Government tried to ascertain how far away from the Colleges themselves are the play grounds of the Christian College, Madras, St. Joseph's and S. P. G. and National Colleges, Trichinopoly; the Arts and Science Colleges, Trivandrum;

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(j) has the Government tried to ascertain if it is possible to acquire suitable play grounds for the Ernakulam College in the outskirts of the town, if not in the heart of the town itself;

(l) can the Government conveniently spare, now or in the near future, 15 lakhs of rupees for abolishing the Ernakulam College and starting another at Anappara;

(m) has the University Commission peremptorily reported and the University ordered that the Maharaja's College should be shifted from Ernakulam; and if so, will the Government kindly place on the Table the report or order concerned;

(n) if this latter is not the case, is there any stringent necessity for undertaking the transfer of the College, at this juncture when the State appears to be in financial difficulties;

(o) will the Government kindly place on the Table of the House all papers in connection with the necessity of the proposed transfer of the College to Anappara, papers that will show how and by whom and when the proposal was started, developed and finally reached the present stage;

(p) will the Government be pleased to give the Council a chance of discussing the whole question before actually launching on the scheme;

(q) has the water supply question about Anappara been finally solved; if so, will the Government kindly place the final report on the matter on the Table;

(r) what provision does the Government propose to make for the collegiate education of the numerous boys, many of them poor, belonging to Ernakulam and the neighbouring villages;

(s) does the Government propose to leave Ernakulam without any Arts College for boys?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) 594.

(b) 415.

(c) 158.

(d) 110 in all.

(e) Yes, for Chemistry, Natural Science and Physics Laboratories, English Library and Language classes. About 10,000 square feet may satisfy immediate requirements.

(f) 6,200 square feet each.

(g) About Rs. 40,000.

(h) No, in view of the fact that it has been decided to shift the College to Anappara.

(i) Government are informed that the Christian College is going to be shifted to Thambaram in view of the unsuitability of the present site. As regards the other institutions, Government have no information.

(j) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (h).

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(l) The necessary funds can be found.

(m) and (n). The University Commission has strongly recommended the shifting of the College to Anappara.

(o) Copies of the reports of the First Grade College Committee and the first University Commission are placed on the Council Table.

(p) As the question has been repeatedly discussed in the Council, which has also passed the allotment provided in the budget of this year for the execution of works in connection with the transfer of the College, Government do not think that there is any necessity for a further discussion of the subject.

(q) Yes. The detailed final proposals have not been received.

(r) and (s). All that is necessary in the interests of collegiate education will be done.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Does the Government propose to have any Government College at Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government will do what is necessary.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Whether the Government propose to have any Government College?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I do not think Government have decided. Government will decide.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government has not considered yet?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government has not *decided.*

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is the meaning of the answer?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—All that is necessary will be done.

President.—Shifting means it is another place. In the place where the College originally was there will be no College.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The First Grade Residential College is shifted. The reason for the shifting is this. We want a First Grade Residential College. That is shifted from Ernakulam to Ramavarmapuram. That is one reason why we have shifted. This College is not suitable for a Residential Institution.

President.—There won't be any Residential College at Ernakulam.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There cannot be a First Grade Residential College at Ernakulam any more.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is meant by 'all that is necessary'?

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—On a point of information. Is there any Residential College at Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There is a partial Residential Institution.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Not a fully developed one?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not ask the Government for any information as regards any Residential College. Will there be any Government College in Ernakulam?

President.—Will there be facilities in Ernakulam to start the Intermediate and B. A. classes?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That question has not been decided by Government. You remember, Sir, we are now considering another big question of a Technological Institute, and I think at the foundation laying ceremony we stated that that was another educational question. So far as matters stand now, and consequent on the development of the Harbour, it is perhaps very likely that the development of such an institution would take place near the Harbour, and in case that materialises, it will be of great service to the people (*hear, hear*). That is a very big question that is engaging the attention of the Government. A Technological Institute is really a post-graduate institution. The Madras University is seriously considering this. They have already started technical subjects as part of University instruction. In certain Colleges they have already subjects like Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. It is contemplated to introduce other subjects as part of real University education. If our State develops on that line, we must have a suitable place, and it will be Ernakulam, in view of the development of the Harbour. A reproduction of what is at Anappara may not be at Ernakulam.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not ask that.

President.—There are now students very near Ernakulam. They have got every facilities now for studying for the B. A. course. If the College is to be located there, and if there is to be no College corresponding to the present College here, students will be put to difficulty.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There may be a Second Grade College or a First Grade College.

President.—So that, the Member wants to know whether the same facilities will be given to students for pursuing their collegiate course.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There is this question to be considered. In a place where there is no Residential College, the guardians would sometimes prefer to send their sons

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to a place where there is a Residential Institution. So that, we have got to find out the extent of the requirements there would be at Ernakulam. Government have not decided so far as to whether it should be a First Grade College or what facilities are going to be provided. And the question comes when you begin your First Grade College in Ramavarmapuram. It may be that even students who would remain in their homes would prefer to go to a Residential College. It is not in keeping with the academic idea that any man should have his whole education in his own home, so that, reasonable people would rather like their sons to go to a Residential Institution in view of the advantages of such an institution. We will help the poor boys who cannot afford to leave Ernakulam and would like to have collegiate education. There is another question, whether it is doing service to the poor boy or dis-service. The object of a Second Grade College is to provide education for them. All these various aspects have got to be considered, and then Government will decide.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand that so far the Government have not considered whether there should be a Government Arts College at Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have not decided.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is meant by saying "all that is necessary will be done'?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, will be done. Government will consider and will decide according to the requirements.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(s). The answer is that all that is necessary will be done. What is meant is that facilities will be given at Anappara.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is not decided. That is what I said.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I must have an answer to that question. On this question depends the attitude of the southern half of the State. We have no objection for an ideal garden city College at Anappara. But we strongly object to the abolition of this longstanding institution at Ernakulam. Poor boys must study.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Such boys are given scholarships.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—So I must press that question. Has that answer any reference to having an institution at Ernakulam?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—If there is any real necessity for such a Government College at Ernakulam, that question will be considered and decided.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is to say, Government has not seriously considered that question as yet. I should like to know whether it is in the mind of the Government to have a College at Ernakulam, the capital of the State.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I shall give a parallel. Three years ago we were asked whether Government proposed to shift the College to Anappara. I said that we have not decided, because it was such a very difficult and complicated question. Hon'ble Members then asked us what is the meaning of Government not coming to a decision. Now there is another important question asked by the Hon'ble Member. I cannot say yes or no.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I will put it clearly. Whether there will be any Arts College in Ernakulam, the capital of the State. That question has not been fully considered by the Government.

President.—So far as Government is concerned, I shall give the answer. The question has not come up for consideration yet.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Let me pass on to the question of funds, (1). May I know if the Government is aware that the Finance Member stated in his last budget speech that the Cochin Government has been seeking unsuccessfully for a loan of Rs. 30 lakhs?

President.—The Finance Member does not remember.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—His budget speech? I distinctly remember that the Comptroller of Accounts said that.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—At any rate not unsuccessful.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Has the Government considered the absolute commitments of the Cochin Government in the near future by way of finance for Railway extension and Harbour developments?

President.—Government must find funds.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—My question is not that. Can the Government conveniently spare this big sum of fifteen lakhs of rupees? What I meant was, without putting off other necessary works and without being obliged to the necessity of borrowing in view of present commitments. May I make it clearer, Sir? I find from the last *Administration Report* that we have got a gross total of a crore of rupees, out of which only 55 lakhs is ready money. If we withdraw any withdrawable amounts from the Banks, we can have 55 lakhs. We require 60 lakhs for Railway conversion alone. Railway conversion

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would not stop there. For taking over the Railway to Venduruthi another 30 or 40 lakhs will be required. Then there is the Harbour. So that, non-financial people would think that we are put to a financial strain. Both in view of the statement of the Hon'ble the Finance Member and in view of the Diwan's Proceedings recently published, the people are led to think that we will have to go in for huge borrowings and also to raise debenture loans. Now, when we have a First Grade College, can we spare this fifteen lakhs for putting up that garden city institution till we have sufficient money ?

President.—There was a proposal not to utilise our reserve or surplus. The recent idea is to secure a loan of rupees 60 lakhs.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Unsuccessful thirty!

President.—You may take it that it is 60. So that, you need not take anything out of this ready money of fifty-five lakhs.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is, if the loan materialises. But till last Karkadagam Government was having considerable difficulty.

President.—From where do you get this thirty?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—From the budget speech of the Finance Member.

President.—We had always the figure 60 before us.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Put it at 60. I don't mind.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Some mention of a loan was made.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The question is: are we in a position to spare this amount for luxuries?

Mr. T.K. Krishna Menon.—It is not a luxury.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We have got a Government college here. Where is the hurry to go in for another institution at the risk of depriving Ernakulam of a pucca College? Has the Government considered its financial commitments—what amount will be required in the near future ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Whether the condition of the College is satisfactory or not—that is the question. We are proceeding on the advice of the University Commission.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(m). In support of the answer, presumably, two reports have been placed on the Table. One is in 1925. The other is the report of a Committee appointed to go into the question of the transfer of the College. The report of 1925 proceeds from the basis that we would voluntarily start a Kerala University and transfer this College.

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.— We were not trying to start a University at all.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There is not even one word in either of these reports on this matter. Government itself was considering the question of a Kerala University. We thought that there would be something stronger and more reasonable. I put the question whether there was a peremptory order from the University or not to shift the College. The answer is that they only recommended. I also ask, in connection with the question of shifting of the College, was not the opinion of the staff of the College also taken as regards the site?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The College is going to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram according to the recommendations of the University Commission and the Committee appointed by the Government. It is as clear as day-light. (*Hear, hear.*) I do not understand the meaning of our discussing a question that has already been settled.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Who has settled?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.— The Government of Cochin, as far as I understand.

President.—I do not know whether it is right to discuss matters in question time.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—That is the point, Sir.

President.—We must clearly understand what our legitimate sphere in question time is. (*Hear, hear.*) The object is to get information on matters on which Members are entitled to get information.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—If the President rules that the question cannot be asked, I shall sit down. I am asking the question whether the Government can conveniently spare this fifteen lakhs for the purpose of the College at Ramavarmapuram. That is my principal point.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.— The answer of the Government is that all aspects will be considered before Government arrives at a decision.

President.—The Member wants one thing, and you say another thing. The Member asks whether the Government can conveniently spare this amount for a First Grade Residential College at Ramavarmapuram.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The answer is that otherwise the Government would not have sanctioned it.

President.—Then say "yes".

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No statement is necessary, since the Government have sanctioned it after long and mature consideration.

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President.—Why can't you express that? So take it that Government can conveniently spare.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I ask if the Government is aware of any capital of any Government from where its College is shifted to fifty or forty miles away?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There is the Madras Christian College going to be shifted seventy miles away from Madras.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I ask *in any capital.*

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Is not Madras the Capital of the Madras Presidency ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—But is the Madras Christian College a Government Institution?

Was there any real objection for utilising that for College purposes after finding out the necessary space in the High School building itself ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The idea of the removal of the College to Anappara was connected with some other important considerations. There were vital issues which were considered when this question of removal was suggested. The Hon'ble Member now takes only the minor point of square feet.

President.—What is your point, Mr. Manjuran ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The other point is this, Sir. Is there any real objection for converting the High School into a building containing 12 thousand square feet ? This building was constructed at a cost of 40 thousand rupees. I think that the deficiency of 10 thousand square feet can be met from this building itself, and the available space can be used for our Chemistry, Physics and Zoology laboratories.

President.—Mr. Manjuran asks whether we could not find sufficient space in the existing adjoining buildings instead of spending another sum of 15 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is not advisable to launch upon this scheme at all when we have got other financial commitments.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is exactly what I am stating. This is not the only consideration.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether any committee on this side of 1925 enquired into the question whether it is opportune to shift the College to Anappara ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government did not think it necessary to appoint any committee to enquire into this question. I say that every year the Government had been charged during the budget discussion and by putting questions for pursuing a policy of vacillation and dilatoriness, and the Govern-

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ment is now charged for precipitance and indiscretion. We were at first charged for not shifting the College to Anappara.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We are faced with a previous decision of this House. I am now asking whether the Government's attention has been turned to the question of the hardship that would be seriously caused to the 268 students who belong to Ernakulam and the other places within a radius of seven miles of Ernakulam.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is a question which has to be investigated.

Working of Regulation I of 1062.

309. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to supply particulars, as far as information is available, in the following tabular form with regard to the working of Regulation I of 1062 :—

Serial No. of petitions datewar from 1st Mithunam 1062 up-to-date	Name of the 1st petitioner under Section 2 of the Regulation and the total No. of other signatories to the petition	The name of the 1st counter-petitioner and the total No. of other counter-petitioners	Purport and request of the petition	Objections and its nature	Final orders of the Government	No. of prosecutions every year and the result of the same

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The information required cannot be collected with any amount of definiteness within any reasonable time.

Koonamuchi-Guruvayur Road.

310. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether the Diwan did not, before the preparation of the budget for 1105, receive a petition from the inhabitants of the adjoining villages expressing disappointment at the proposal to

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